

AIR NAVIGATION

*Exchange of notes at Monrovia June 14, 1939, with text of agreement
Entered into force June 15, 1939*

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The American Minister to the Liberian Secretary of State

LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
MONROVIA, LIBERIA

June 14, 1939

No. 190a

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to set forth below the terms of the Air Navigation Agreement between the United States and Liberia as understood by me to have been approved in the course of the negotiations recently conducted by the Legation with your Department of State:

AIR NAVIGATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND LIBERIA

ARTICLE 1

(a) The present arrangement shall apply to continental United States of America, exclusive of Alaska, and to Liberia, including their territorial waters.

(b) Subject to the conditions hereinafter set forth, civil aircraft registered by either Party to this arrangement and not engaged in regular scheduled services, shall be accorded liberty of passage above and of landing upon the territory of the other Party.

ARTICLE 2

(a) Aircraft of either Party operating in the territory of the other Party must be airworthy. The members of the operating personnel must have the necessary qualifications, and also possess airman certificates issued by the competent authorities of the country of registration.

(b) The aircraft of each Party, their crews, passengers and goods carried thereon shall, while within the territory of the other Party, be subject to the laws in force in that territory, including all regulations relating to air naviga-

tion applicable to foreign aircraft, the transport of passengers and goods, and public safety and order, as well as any regulations concerning immigration, quarantine, customs, and clearance.

ARTICLE 3

In respect to the establishment and operation of air routes and air transport services and all matters pertaining thereto, the nationals and aircraft of the United States of America shall receive most-favored-nation treatment in Liberia. However, the United States of America may not claim any rights in respect of such routes and air transport services if it should be unwilling to accord similar rights to the Government or nationals of Liberia.

ARTICLE 4

The present arrangement shall be subject to termination by either Party upon six months' notice given in writing to the other Party.

I should be pleased if you would inform me whether your Government accepts the foregoing text as the text which was agreed to in the course of the recent negotiations. If so, my Government suggests that the agreement become effective on June 15, 1939.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

LESTER A. WALTON
American Minister

His Excellency CLARENCE L. SIMPSON,
Secretary of State of the Republic of Liberia
Monrovia

The Liberian Secretary of State to the American Minister

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
MONROVIA, LIBERIA
June 14, 1939

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SIR:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of June 14, 1939 requesting to be informed whether my Government accepts the text set forth in the note under acknowledgment as the text of the Air Navigation Agreement between Liberia and the United States which was agreed to in the course of the negotiations recently conducted by the Department of State with the Legation. The text as set forth in the Legation's note is as follows:

[For text of agreement, see U.S. note, above.]

I am glad to assure you that my Government accepts the foregoing text as the text which was agreed to by it in the course of the recent negotiations. My Government also accepts your Government's suggestion that the agreement become effective on June 15, 1939 and will accordingly regard it as becoming effective on that date.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

C. L. SIMPSON

Secretary of State

Honorable LESTER A. WALTON,
*Minister of the United States of America,
Monrovia.*